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Standard of competence means the level of proficiency to be achieved for the proper performance of duties on board vessels in accordance with national and international criteria.

STCW means the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended in 1995.

STCW Code means the Seafarer's Training, Certification Watchkeeping Code.

STCW endorsement means a certificate or endorsement issued in accordance with STCW. An STCW endorsement issued by the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI), will be valid only when accompanied by the appropriate U.S. license or document; and, if the license or document is revoked. then the associated STCW endorsement will no longer be valid for any purpose. References to STCW placed on a U.S. license or merchant mariner's document will suffice as STCW endorsements for the mariner serving on a vessel operating exclusively on a domestic voyage (i.e., to and from U.S. ports or places subject to U.S. jurisdiction).

[CGD 91-002, 58 FR 15238, Mar. 19, 1993, as amended by CGD 91-223, 60 FR 4525, Jan. 23, 1995; CGD 91-212, 60 FR 65487, Dec. 19, 1995; CGD 95-062, 62 FR 34534, June 26, 1997; CGD 97-057, 62 FR 51042, Sept. 30, 1997]

§12.01-7 Regional Examination Centers.

Licensing and Certification functions are performed only by the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, at the following locations:

Boston, MANew York, NStBatuinoMcOMDCharleston: \$6\text{Minerile}, FLNew Orleans, LAHouston, TXMemphis, TNSt. Louis, MOToledo Toledo, OH

Boston, MA New York, NY Baltimore, MD Charleston, SC Miami, FL New Orleans, LA Houston, TX Memphis, TN

Long Beach, CA San Francisco, CA Seattle, WA Anchorage, AK Juneau, AK Honolulu, HI Portland, OR

Where the term Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, or Marine Inspection Office is used within the context of this part it is to mean that Officer or Office at one of the above listed locations.

[CGD 82-033, 47 FR 28679, July 1, 1982, as amended by CGD 91-002, 58 FR 15239, Mar. 19, 19931

§12.01-9 Paperwork approval.

- (a) This section lists the control numbers assigned by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96-511) for the reporting and record keeping requirements in this part.
- (b) The following control numbers have been assigned to the sections indicated:
- (1) OMB 2115-0624-46 CFR 12.02-17 and 12.03-1.
 - (2) [Reserved]

[CGD 95-062, 62 FR 34535, June 26, 1997]

Subpart 12.02—General Requirements for Certification

§12.02-3 Where documents are issued.

(a) Certificates of identification, certificates of service, certificates of efficiency, and continuous discharge books are issued to applicants qualifying therefor at any Marine Inspection Office of the Coast Guard during usual business hours.

(b)(1) Coast Guard Merchant Marine Details abroad are authorized to conduct examinations for upgrading of seamen, but are not prepared to conduct the physical examination where required. Merchant Marine Details will therefore not issue regular certificates, but temporary permits in lieu thereof. Merchant Marine Details will instruct the recipient of each temporary permit to present it to the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, upon arrival in the first port in the United States in which a Marine Inspection Office is located in order to exchange it for a permanent

(2) The temporary permit shall be accepted in a Marine Inspection Office as proof that the bearer has complied with the rules and regulations governing the issuance of certificates, except as noted in the body of the temporary permit. The requirements noted in the exceptions will be complied with as in

the case of other applicants.

(3) The written examinations are forwarded to the Commanding Officer, National Maritime Center by Merchant Marine Details, and any Marine Inspection Office at which an applicant with a temporary permit appears may request and obtain the examination in

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